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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING NEW UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)
(Case No. P043D2C3C2)

To the Assistant Commission for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for:

Title: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT I/O USING A
HIGH PERFORMANCE BUS INTERFACE

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Mark Horowitz

This application is a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION** of:

Inventors: Michael Farmwald
Mark Horowitz

Ser. No.: 09/492,982

Art Unit: 2818

Filed: January 27, 2000

Examiner: T. Nguyen

Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY
DEVICE HAVING A VARIABLE DATA
INPUT LENGTH

To effect the above-requested filing today:

1. Attached is a copy of the prior application as originally filed, including:
 - [X] Specification, Claims, and Abstract (125 pages)
 - [X] Drawings: 1 set of **formal** drawings having 14 sheets
 - [X] Original Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages)
2. Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

3. A Power of Attorney to Neil A. Steinberg, Reg. No. 34,735 is attached hereto and filed herewith. That Power of Attorney also revokes all other powers of attorney. Accordingly, kindly address all future communications to:

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4. The Examiner's attention is directed to both the second paragraph of guideline (2) in MPEP 609 and to the last paragraph of MPEP 2001.06(b) and to the submission in the prior application of the Information Disclosure Statements and document copies filed in Application Serial Nos. 09/252,997 and 09/492,982.
 5. Attached is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** which, among other things, cancels claims 1-150, and adds new claims 151-189. This Preliminary Amendment is to be entered **BEFORE** fee calculation.

6.

FILING FEE

(BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CLAIMS AS FILED AND CHANGED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT)

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Surcharge for multiple dependent claims 100 - 0 -

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Respectfully submitted,



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Date: Feb. 7, 2001

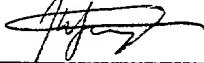
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Title: Integrated Circuit I/O Using a High Performance Bus Interface

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The following has been received in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on the date stamped hereon:

- Amendment/Response (pgs.)
 - Preliminary Amendment (14 pgs.+4 pgs.)
 - Application - Utility (pgs., with cover and abstract)
 - Application - Rule 1.53(b) Continuation (125 pgs.+1 pg.)
 - Application - Rule 1.53(b) Divisional (pgs.)
 - Application - Rule 1.53(b) CIP (pgs.)
 - Application - Rule 1.53(d) CPA (pgs.)
 - Application - PCT (pgs.)
 - Application - Provisional (pgs.)
 - Drawings (14 sheets)
 - Declaration & POA (2 pgs.)
 - Assignment & Cover Sheet
 - Power of Attorney
 - Other Cross Reference Under 37 C.F.R. Sec.1.78
 - Request to Approve Drawing Changes (3 pgs.)
- Petition for Extension of Time (month(s))
 - Information Disclosure Statement & PTO 1449
 - Issue Fee Transmittal
 - Submission of Formal Drawings
 - Notice of Appeal
 - Appeal Brief (pgs. in triplicate)
 - Reply Brief
 - Response to Notice of Missing Parts
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